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Classified By: Ambassador Charles Glazer, Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) The Ambassador raised the issue of El Salvador running for a seat on the Human Rights Council at a dinner with FM Lainez on February 2. The FM responded that the GOES is very interested in running for a seat, and shares concerns that Venezuela could further discredit the already struggling Council. In this context, El Salvador is willing to run to ensure that Venezuela does not get a free pass to a seat on the HRC. Lainez added that GOES officials were pressing Guatemala not to pursue its own candidacy, for fear that two Central American candidates would split the vote to Venezuela's advantage.
Glazer